

# Princess Margriet inaugurates new museum and national park



This summer, the island of Aruba was graced with a visit from the Netherlands's Princess Margriet. The princess and her husband, Professor Pieter van Vollenhoven, attended many social occasions while here, most notably the inauguration of the new National Archaeological Museum Aruba and the new visitor's center and headquarters of Arikok National Park. The new museum, consisting of a complex of restored colonial buildings and a newly built facility to house the Island's ancient

artifacts, is in the heart of downtown. It boasts interactive displays and engaging exhibits that present some 5000 years of local and Caribbean history.

Arikok National Park underwent three years of improvements and now offers a visitor's center and shops at the park entrance. Road improvements grant park visitors an easier navigation of the Island's "wild side," where nearly 20% of Aruba's landmass remains untouched. Here, visitors can appreciate the beauty of the Island's desert flora and fauna, including herds of wild goats and donkeys.





